

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/855,924

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

1771

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the After-final Amendment filed on February 5, 2004.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8 and 11-28.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material


5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's after-final amendment filed on February 5, 2004 has been entered. Claims 8 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 9, and 10 have been cancelled. The art rejections of the previous Office Action are rendered moot in light of the cancelled claims. Also, the amendments to claims 8 and 11 are sufficient to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejections set forth in the last Office Action, thus placing the claims in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 8 and 11-28 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or render obvious a 2-sided cloth wiper with Applicant's claimed structure of an ionizing point network, wherein both sides are provided with a plurality of soft fibers. The various cited Larkin references (U.S. Patent Nos. 6,522,077; 5,690,014; 5,740,006; and 5,501,899) disclosed various ionizing point network structures, however failed to disclose or suggest that such material would be formed in a 2-sided cloth wiper. The Yamada reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,213,865) failed to suggest an ionizing point used in a 2-sided cloth wiper where both sides of the wiper comprised soft fibers and using a connector to ground the electrically conductive microfibers. The Klein reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,678,675) also did not suggest an ionizing point used in a 2-sided cloth wiper where both sides of the wiper comprised soft fibers. Therefore, Applicant's amended claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

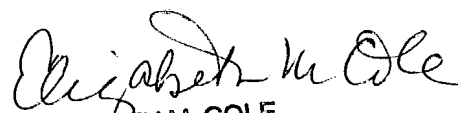
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy R. Pierce whose telephone number is (571) 272-1479. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7-4:30 and alternate Fridays 7-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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